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EDITORIAL STRESSES RESPONSIBILITIES
OF OVERSEAS CHINESE TO NEW CHINA

Ch'en Chie-keng (Ueda: 12864, 1463, 2936), [also known as Tan Kah Kee], head of the overseas Chinese in the South Seas area, who recently returned to China to participate in the new Political Consultative Conference as a member of the Preparatory Committee, reports that the majority of the overseas Chinese in the South Seas are rejoicing over the overwhelming victory of the Chinese people and the institution of many democratic policies by the CCP. They are eagerly looking forward to the establishment of a new China under the Communists to improve the lot of all Chinese people.

Many overseas Chinese left China to escape the autocratic rule of the reactionary KMT under Chiang Kai-shek. However, their life, especially in the South Seas, has not been too pleasant. The anti-Chinese attitude and unfavorable economic conditions in the South Seas have led many to lose their homes and property. The situation was further aggravated by the arbitrary currency regulations imposed by Chiang's government, which almost wiped out the entire wealth of many overseas Chinese. Because of these reasons, anti-Chiang feeling mounted and the overseas Chinese began to turn to Mao Tse-tung for leadership.

The establishment of the Preparatory Committee of the Political Consultative Conference and the Democratic Coalition Government is an important matter to the 10 million overseas Chinese. The overseas Chinese have been authorized to send seven representatives to participate in the Preparatory Committee and 15 in the Political Consultative Conference. This definitely proves that they will be given a voice in the Democratic Coalition Government after its formation. Moreover, once new China is formed, the international prestige of the overseas Chinese will be greatly enhanced and their economic interests will be safeguarded by the People's Government.

In an address given before the Preparatory Committee, Mao Tse-tung emphasized that the destiny of China is now in the hands of the people. He stressed that we must not only destroy the remaining reactionary elements to prevent their future uprising, but exert every effort toward rapid recovery and development in the fields of economics and culture. Assisting the new government in these fields is the main responsibility of the overseas Chinese.

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It may be assumed that the main attention of the reactionary elements after their defeat will be focused on carrying out subversive activities, such as retarding economic recovery and progress, spreading false propaganda, and undermining relations between the new government and the overseas Chinese. It is important, therefore, that all overseas Chinese alert themselves against these future activities of the reactionary elements.

The main duties of the overseas Chinese toward the establishment of a republican government in China may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. They must invest their capital in the reconstruction of a new China.-- All overseas Chinese not only have an opportunity to gain great profits, but also can contribute greatly toward the industrialization of an agricultural China by investing their capital in the reconstruction of a new China. The economic policy of the new democratic government, moreover, not only guarantees full protection, but encourages private ownership of industry and commerce.
2. They must refrain from merging their capital with those of the bureaucrats. -- A large amount of bureaucratic capital is now finding its way abroad, thus menacing the very existence of the overseas Chinese. Every precaution must be taken to prevent cooperation with the bureaucrats, and all overseas Chinese must try to prevent bureaucratic capital from flowing into their areas.
3. They must train technicians to participate in the reconstruction of China. -- Generally, the overseas Chinese are now living in countries where scientific methods are employed in the production of goods and construction. Needless to say, skilled technicians and specialists are sorely needed in China. They must train themselves and return to China to participate in the reconstruction of a new China.

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